

High-Quality Outdoor Learning Environments

Core Resources Recommended by the NC Outdoor Learning Environments Alliance

Last Child in the Woods, Richard Louv (Algonquin Books, 2005)

Preschool Outdoor Environment Measurement Scale (POEMS), Karen DeBord et al. (Kaplan, 2005)

Play and Child Development, Joe Frost, Sue Wortham, & Stuart Reifel. (Prentice Hall, 2004)

The Developmental Benefits of Playgrounds, Joe Frost et al. (Association for Childhood Education International, 2004)

Natural Learning- Creating Environments for Rediscovering Nature's Way of Teaching, Robin C. Moore and Herb H. Wong (MIG Communications, 1997)

The Great Outdoors: Restoring Children's Right to Play Outdoors, Mary Rivkin (National Association for the Education of Young Children, 1995)

The Sense of Wonder, Rachel Carson (HarperCollins, 1998)

Websites

Natural Learning Initiative, NCSU
www.naturalearning.org

NC Cooperative Extension <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/fcs/human/child/POEMS>

NC Botanical Garden
www.ncbg.unc.edu

NC Museum of Natural Science
www.naturalsciences.org